

Rail Division

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Piedmont and Carolinian Operations
Increases funds to cover the operational costs of the Piedmont and Carolinian passenger trains. This is a one-time increase and will allow the Transportation Oversight Committee to analyze the benefits and make a recommendation about future funding.

\$1,198,750

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Short-Line Railroads
Increases funds for the grant programs supporting short-line railroad companies. The funds are used as rehabilitation project grants to strengthen North Carolina's short-line infrastructure.

\$2,000,000

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Retirement Contribution

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Retirement System Contributions
Increases the state's contribution for FY2006-2007 to provide a 3.0% cost-of-living adjustment to retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

\$1,339,000

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Salary Increases

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State Funded Compensation Increase
Provides funds to support a 5.5% annual salary increase for full-time permanent employees in the Department of Transportation and other state agencies whose positions are paid from the Highway Fund.

\$26,334,000

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Salary Adjustment Reserves
Provides funds for salary adjustments as allowed by Section 29.15 of S.L. 2005-276, as amended by Section 22.15 of SB 1741.

\$1,000,000

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Small Construction

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Economic Development
Provides additional nonrecurring funds for economic development, spot safety, and transportation improvement projects.

\$38,000,000

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State Highway Patrol

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New Permanent Positions
Creates 17 permanent positions that are now temporary positions. The positions include: eight Tradesworker III positions at a pay grade 61, eight Office Assistant IVs at a pay grade 59, and one Aircraft mechanic position at a pay grade 68.
Establishes four new additional State Trooper positions.

\$765,661

\$179,896

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VIPER Network Expansion
Provides funding for the continued development and building of the Voice Interoperable Communications Plan for Emergency Responders.

\$10,000,000

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VIPER Maintenance
Provides funding for the maintenance of the VIPER system already built.

\$208,892

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